

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE CORBETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Katherine Corbett in recognition of her dedication to educating our children and improving the quality of our educational system as well as her spiritual leadership in her community.

Katherine Corbett is a native of Brooklyn, New York who has been married to a seventh grade friend Eddie Corbett for 34 years. She is the mother of four children; Kandice, Eddie Jr., Inez, and Frank. She is the grandmother of Diondre, Keilah, Joshua, and Sheraya.

Katherine is honored to be the principal of the Ronald Edmonds Learning Center-Middle School 113 in Brooklyn. During her 12 years as the educational leader, MS 113, she has earned numerous awards, grants and citations. Of her many outstanding achievements, the school remains the only middle school in the United States that has met the criteria to be a National Alliance of Black School Educators Demonstration school since the program began in 1997. In 1998, MS 113 was one of six schools in the United States, out of 54,000, to be designated by the United States Secretary of Education to be a Title One Distinguished School. In the same year, Katherine was recognized by the New York State Department of Education as a Title One Distinguished Educator. Yale University awarded Katherine with the Patrick Daly Award for Excellence in educational leadership.

In addition to her service to Middle School 113, Katherine has served the New York State Department of Education and Harvard University as a mentor for principals and low performing schools. In December 2000, Katherine was recruited to serve as one of the members of the Distinguished Faculty for New York City Department of Education's Principals Institute. Throughout the 2002-2003 school year, Katherine served as a mentoring principal for New Leaders for New Schools, a national graduate program for aspiring educational leaders.

In addition to her work in the educational community, Katherine serves as the senior pastor of New Life Ministries in West Hempstead, New York. The church serves the community with a number of programs that are designed to build the spirit and soul. Katherine is most grateful to be called, appointed, and chosen to serve humanity as she serves her God.

Mr. Speaker, Katherine Corbett has committed herself to educating our children through her work as a principal and as a mentor to other educators. She has also served her community through her work as a pastor. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
GENERAL ROBERT B. FLOWERS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Lieutenant General Robert B.

Flowers, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will retire on July 1 after 35 years of dedicated and meritorious service to our nation.

LTG Flowers followed his father into the Army after being commissioned from the Virginia Military Institute in 1969. Since that time he has led at every level of command, culminating in his current role as Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to his selection as Chief of Engineers in October 2000, he served as Commanding General of the Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, home to the Army's engineer school. In this post, General Flowers helped produce and train our nation's engineer soldiers, units and leaders.

Throughout his career, General Flowers effectively trained and led engineer soldiers around the globe. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm he commanded an expanded, ten battalion brigade and led more than 7,700 soldiers into battle in Iraq. Among his many other distinguished assignments include Assistant Division Commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers 12-state Mississippi Valley Division; Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering U.S. Army Europe in Bosnia and President of the Mississippi River Commission, which develops and implements plans to improve navigation and safety, prevent floods, and promote and facilitate commerce and trade on the river.

In his current role as Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he is the Army Chief of Staff's senior advisor on engineer issues. Simultaneously, he leads the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its more than 35,000 soldiers and civilians. During a critical time in America's history, General Flowers led the Army Corps of Engineers' support to the Nation. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, General Flowers ensured the immediate and significant support given to recovery operations at the Pentagon and in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of General Flowers, the Corps of Engineers continues to play a vital role in the War on Terror and support reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. His efforts have resulted in lasting and significant impacts to our nation and the Armed Forces. I know my fellow Members of the House will join me in thanking him for his years of dedication and selfless service and wishing him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall votes Nos. 232-235 on June 14, 2004. These were suspension votes on H.J. Res. 97—Renewal of import restrictions on Burma, H. Res. 669—Prostate cancer awareness, H.R. 4323—Rapid Acquisition Authority for Combat Emergencies and H. Res. 653—Recognizing 80th Birthday of President George H.W. Bush. At the time these votes

were called, I was in my congressional district in Pensacola, FL with Vice-President CHENEY for his speaking engagement.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 232, Renewal of import restrictions on Burma—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 233, on Prostate cancer awareness, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 234, on Rapid Acquisition Authority for Combat Emergencies, "aye"; and rollcall vote No. 235, on Recognizing 80th Birthday of President George H.W. Bush, "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY
GRIEVE, INGHAM COUNTY COM-
MUNITY NEWS 2004 VOLUNTEER
OF YEAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Shirley Grieve who is described as "a one-woman champion of causes" in Ingham County, MI. Shirley Grieve's contributions are best described in an article in the Ingham County Community News, written by Editor Rachel Taylor:

MASON, MI.—Shirley Grieve is a one-woman champion of causes.

To find out which one she's campaigning for on any given day, just take a look around her Mason home, where the 67-year-old resident spends time raising money for worthwhile efforts.

Addresses, letters, leaflets and various "thank you" notes litter Grieve's dining room table. The mother of six takes volunteering seriously, committing to fundraising goals and these days, surpassing most of them.

This June, Grieve will be recognized for her commitment, as the Ingham County Community News' 2004 Agnes Corner Volunteer of the Year recipient. The award, now in its fifth year, is given to a member of the community that has made significant volunteer contributions locally.

Grieve fits the bill perfectly. This year alone the list of her efforts includes: Raising \$6,000 for the Capital Area Community Services' (CACS) Walk for Warmth in February, which helps pay heating and electric bills for people in dire need of financial assistance; collecting hundreds of items to send to U.S. troops stationed overseas; organizing a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Mason Kiwanis Golden K Club; and raising over \$7,000 to help fund Angel House in a matter of weeks. The project is headed up by Capital Area Child & Family Services to build mid-Michigan's first emergency shelter and advocacy center for abused children.

I always said, "I'm going to get out and make something of myself," explained Grieve, who grew up in West Virginia as the daughter of a coal miner. "Now, I didn't make something of myself by working but I made something of myself by volunteering."

Grieve said her volunteer efforts started 32 years ago after moving to Mason from Lansing with her husband Richard. She said the rural life style was a shock in many ways and made her desperate to make friends in the community.

"The only thing I had was a dog in the back yard," remembered Grieve. "Then the kids would go to school and I would just have the baby."

In an effort to meet people, Grieve said she started volunteering in the schools, where her children were attending. Through Girl Scouts and the PTO Grieve said she began feeling more at home.

Soon Grieve began volunteering at St. James Catholic Church, where her family still attends services. Other projects followed. Throughout all of it, Grieve said she remembered to follow in her mother's footsteps—a woman who made her own mark with church fundraisers and bake sales in West Virginia.

The most important rule her mother taught her? "You always send a thank you note and people will respond with your next fundraiser," she said.

CACS Center Coordinator Deb Biehler said Grieve, who has been volunteering with the agency for five years, is a force of positive energy.

"She can work circles around people," said Biehler.

Grieve raises at least three-quarters of the funds raised during Walk for Warmth each year. "We wouldn't have raised the money without her," said Biehler. "She's helped hundreds of people."

And then there are the little things, said Biehler, like volunteering to collect food bank donations every Sunday at St. James and picking up bread for the food bank at local stores when no one else can go.

Members of the Mason Kiwanis Golden K Club say Grieve is an asset to the community. The club's president-elect, Jim Day stated, "She has that rare gift for causing other people to share their time and funds with a minimum of resistance and a maximum of positive results. I am in awe at hearing about her achievements and of the wonderful good that she generates. People who possess her awesome ability and dynamic energy in motivating people in supporting worthwhile causes are very rare individuals."

Mason resident Don Jacot said Grieve's volunteer efforts are felt throughout the Mason community. "She is a trustee for the Fair City Golden K Kiwanis Club. She volunteers for the Signal Corps Operation Up Link for service men and women. She volunteers for the Book Buddies and Head Start. What energy."

Grieve said she is happy to help further good causes. "I know in my heart it makes me feel good," she said. "I get so much out of it. I think if people did it once they'd do it again too."

The staff of the Ingham County Community News is planning a luncheon ceremony in Grieve's honor on Tuesday, June 29 in Mason.

Mr. Speaker, we wish to extend congratulations to Shirley Grieve for her commitment to serving her community. We are honored to support her efforts and ask that our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join us in recognizing their very worthy achievements.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. SIMING YANG

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student from my district, Mr. Siming Yang. Mr. Yang has the distinction of being honored as one of the more than 140 national winners of the 2004 Presidential Scholar Award.

The award honors graduating seniors that excel in their community, both in and out of the classroom. Each year, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects the winners based on Academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and community.

Mr. Yang is invited to be honored in Washington during the upcoming Presidential Scholars National Recognition Week, which runs from June 19 through the 22. Mr. Yang and his family plan to travel to the Nation's Capital at that time, along with his most influential teacher, Mr. Ron C. Carda of Dakota Ridge High School.

Mr. Speaker, Siming Yang has demonstrated, through his academic accomplishments, his willingness to lead his peers, his community achievements, and his dedication, that he is worthy of receiving this honor. So once again, I recognize this young man's achievements before this House today, and I wish him all the best in his bright future.

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would improve access to dental coverage for our Nation's most precious commodity, children. As a former practicing dentist in my home state of Idaho, I have long been concerned about access to dental coverage for our most vulnerable citizens. While most Americans have access to the best oral health care in the world, low-income children suffer disproportionately from oral disease. Even as our Nation's health has progressed, dental caries or tooth decay remains the most prevalent chronic childhood disease. Millions of Americans, adults and children, lack access to dental care. In many parts of Idaho, as in many rural States, there simply aren't enough dentists within reasonable distance of some communities.

For people who don't have access to dental care, oral disease is almost 100 percent inevitable—albeit 100 percent preventable. This is particularly heartbreaking when it affects children. Recent demonstration projects have shown that with some Federal support, a little funding can go a long way toward ensuring that low-income children have access to good oral health care. My legislation, H.R. 4622, co-sponsored by Congressman JOHN DINGELL, would assist States in doing just that.

H.R. 4622 would not issue Federal mandates, but rather would provide support to States as they determine how best to improve access to dental care in their communities. I believe that States are the best arbiters of how to enhance access to care for their residents, with the understanding that for any such effort to succeed, it must begin by reimbursing dentists who participate in Medicaid and SCHIP at market rates.

H.R. 4622 would: Provide financial incentives and planning grants to help States improve their Medicaid programs. States must first create a comprehensive plan for improving the delivery of dental services, and they must also adequately reimburse dentists for

children's dental services; Offer grants to expand the availability of dental services in health professional shortage areas. Grants would be made available to dentists who practice in federally designated dental shortage areas if at least 25 percent of their patient-base receives assistance under Medicaid or SCHIP. Grants would also be available to qualifying community health centers, State public health departments, Indian tribes/tribal organizations and accredited dental education programs; Ensure that States provide some level of dental benefits through SCHIP; Offer States the option to use their SCHIP funding to provide dental coverage to children in families who have medical but not dental coverage and meet SCHIP income-eligibility requirements; Expand School-Linked Dental Sealant Programs to include eligible school-linked public or non-profit organizations and Indian tribes that are under contract with an elementary or secondary school to provide dental services to school-aged children.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is but a small step forward toward the goal of ensuring that every child in America has good oral health, but it is a necessary first step. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in supporting H.R. 4622.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was absent attending meetings in my Congressional District in Ohio and missed the votes on rollcall No. 276, on H. Res. 591, designating Community Banking Month; rollcall No. 277, on H.R. 4363, the Helping Hands for Homeownership Act; and rollcall No. 278, on H. Res. 660, Congratulating Randy Johnson with the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 276, "yes" on rollcall No. 277, and "yes" on rollcall No. 278.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 276, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE C. MARSHALL INSTITUTE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the George C. Marshall Institute here in Washington, DC on their 20th anniversary this June.

For the past 2 decades, the Marshall Institute has tirelessly promoted the use of sound